

# Ranger Programs



Summer 2011

in Yellowstone National Park

Have a few minutes? An hour? Half a day?  
Want to ask a few questions? Explore the park in depth?  
Ranger Programs offer something for everyone!



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## Especially for Children

Turn to the last page to find out about the park's programs for children, including Junior Ranger—which is celebrating its 20th summer in Yellowstone National Park!

## Evening Programs

Visitors of all ages enjoy the classic ranger evening programs, which are held in all the major areas. Enjoy the stories and fascinating facts that rangers can tell, view stunning photography, and just have fun and relax! Most programs begin at 9 or 9:30 pm, but you'll find earlier programs at Norris, Fishing Bridge, West Yellowstone, and Old Faithful. The topics change frequently; check at a visitor center or campground bulletin board to find out what is being presented while you are here.



If you need a sign language interpreter for National Park Service interpretive programs, please make arrangements three weeks in advance by calling 307-344-2251.

## Stars Over Yellowstone

*Enjoy Yellowstone's unpolluted sky. Find constellations, hear star stories, and view the sun and other celestial objects through telescopes. Weather permitting.*

### Safe Solar Observing

*Old Faithful Visitor Education Center area*

**Saturday**

**June 25 & July 30, 2–5 pm**

Safely view the sun through telescopes.

### Night Sky Observing

*Between the Madison Campground & Amphitheater*

**Friday & Saturday**

**June 24 & 25, July 29 & 30, 10:30 pm**

Find the Milky Way, Jupiter, craters on the Moon, the center of the Galaxy, star clusters, and nebula. Telescopes available. Dress warmly; bring a flashlight.

*Stars Over Yellowstone is presented by The Museum of the Rockies and its partners, including the Southwest Montana Astronomical Society. The Museum of the Rockies is in Bozeman, Montana, at 600 Kagy Blvd.; 406-994-2251.*

## Ranger Talks

During the day, you can join ranger talks scheduled all around the park. You can find out fascinating facts about wildlife, history, and geology. The programs range from short talks such as "Tales of the Travertine" to longer talks held in various locations and in comfortable indoor auditoriums. If you have children, look for ranger talks geared for kids at Canyon, Old Faithful, and plenty of activities at the Junior Ranger Station at Madison.

## Ranger Walks

Feel like stretching your legs while you learn about Yellowstone? Then look for ranger-led walks. You can explore the meadows of the Canyon area and walk along its rims; enjoy wildlife watching in Hayden Valley; stroll along the Yellowstone River, Yellowstone Lake, and walk among the hydrothermal wonders of the geyser basins and Mud Volcano. If you would prefer a boat ride—check out the Lake Scenic Cruise, which is operated by a concessioner but features a park ranger guide on select trips.



Yellowstone National Park is improving accessibility for all visitors. Many, but not all, of our ranger programs are wheelchair-accessible: look for the wheelchair symbol at the end of each program description. For more park accessibility information, ask for *Accessibility in Yellowstone*, a free guide to wheelchair-accessible features in Yellowstone, available at entrance stations, visitor centers, and on [www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/parkwide-access.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/parkwide-access.htm).

### Astronomy Evening Programs: *Madison Campground Amphitheater*

**Friday, June 24, 9:30 pm**

*Cosmic Update 2011* by Jim Manning, Executive Director, Astronomical Society of the Pacific. What's up, what's new, what's hot in the big wide universe and our exploration of it.

**Saturday, June 25, 9:30 pm**

*Did Mars Start Out Like Yellowstone?* by Jim Manning. Look at our search for life elsewhere. See how Mars may have started out like Yellowstone and may be a possible source of life.

**Friday, July 29, 9:30 pm**

*Star Gazing from the National Parks*, by Mike Murray, Program Manager, Clark Planetarium, Salt Lake City. Some of the most pristine views of stars and deep sky wonders can be experienced from Yellowstone because of dark night skies and incredible viewing conditions. Discover how to get the most out of your star observing experience in Yellowstone.

**Saturday, July 30, 9:30 pm**

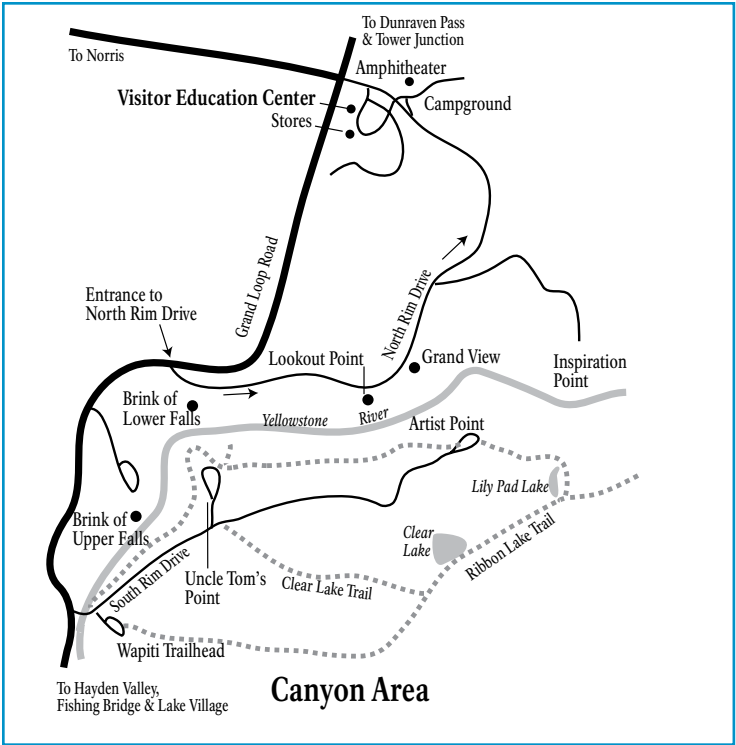
*Seeing in the Dark: Tales of an Amateur Astronomer* by Mike Murray. The inspiration to explore the sky has one common thread: a curiosity to discover more of nature's secrets and feel a personal connection to the universe. Learn about observing with binoculars, "star hopping," astronomy clubs, star parties, choosing your first telescope, observing techniques, using star charts, and more.

# Canyon Village

*Canyon Visitor Education Center*  
*Through May 27: 9 am–5 pm; May 28–Sept. 5: 8 am–8 pm*

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Yellowstone Canyon Talk</b> <i>Starting May 29</i> From a classic viewpoint, enjoy Lower Falls, the Yellowstone River, and the spectacular colors of the canyon while learning about the area’s natural and human history. Discover why artists and photographers have been drawn to this special place. Join a park ranger on the lower platform at <b>Artist Point</b> on the South Rim Drive for this short talk. ♿ <i>10–15 minutes</i>  *10 am talk designed for families with children of Junior Ranger age (5–12). ♿ <i>20–30 minutes</i>	*10 am 10:40 am 11 am 2 pm 2:20 pm 2:40 pm 5/29–9/4	*10 am 10:40 am 11 am 2 pm 2:20 pm 2:40 pm 5/30–9/5	*10 am 10:40 am 11 am 2 pm 2:20 pm 2:40 pm 5/31–8/30	*10 am 10:40 am 11 am 2 pm 2:20 pm 2:40 pm 6/1–8/31	*10 am 10:40 am 11 am 2 pm 2:20 pm 2:40 pm 6/2–9/1	*10 am 10:40 am 11 am 2 pm 2:20 pm 2:40 pm 6/3–9/2	*10 am 10:40 am 11 am 2 pm 2:20 pm 2:40 pm 6/4–9/3
<b>Yellowstone for the Young</b> <i>Starting June 5</i> Hey, kids! Discover the wonderful geology, history, or wildlife of Yellowstone. Join a ranger for an interactive program geared for families with children of Junior Ranger age (5–12). Meet a ranger in front of the <b>Canyon Visitor Education Center</b> . ♿ <i>20–30 minutes</i>	3 pm 6/5–8/14	3 pm 6/6–8/15	3 pm 6/7–8/16	3 pm 6/8–8/17	3 pm 6/9–8/18	3 pm 6/10–8/19	3 pm 6/11–8/20
<b>Walking the Edge</b> <i>Starting May 29</i> Enjoy learning about the ecology, geology, and history of the canyon while walking along the South Rim Trail with a ranger. Gain stunning views of the Yellowstone River, Upper and Lower Falls, and the gorgeous colors of the canyon walls. Meet a park ranger at <b>Uncle Tom’s parking area</b> on the South Rim Drive (road to Artist Point) for this easy walk of approximately 1 mile. <i>1½ hours</i>	9 am 5/29–6/12  3 pm 5/29–9/4	9 am 5/30–6/13  3 pm 5/30–9/5	9 am 5/31–6/14  3 pm 5/31–8/30	9 am 6/1–6/15  3 pm 6/1–8/31	9 am 6/2–6/16  3 pm 6/2–9/1	9 am 6/3–6/17  3 pm 6/3–9/2	9 am 6/4–6/18  3 pm 6/4–9/3
<b>Lupine Loop Walk</b> <i>Starting June 19</i> Walk along the upper Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River, then along an established trail through meadows and forest, finally looping back to the parking area. Explore the geology and natural history of the canyon area while enjoying a bit of its backcountry. Meet a park ranger a <b>Uncle Tom’s parking area</b> on the South Rim Drive (road to Artist Point) for this moderate walk of approximately 3 miles. <i>2½ hours</i>	9 am 6/19–9/4	9 am 6/20–9/5	9 am 6/21–8/30	9 am 6/22–8/31	9 am 6/23–9/1	9 am 6/24–9/2	9 am 6/25–9/3
<b>Call of the Wild</b> <i>Starting June 5</i> Both before and since Yellowstone was established as a national park in 1872, people have been drawn to and inspired by this area. The human history of Yellowstone is filled with many fascinating and interesting stories. Join a ranger for an engaging talk about the people of Wonderland. Meet in front of the <b>Canyon Visitor Education Center</b> . ♿ <i>45 minutes</i>	6 pm 6/5–9/4	6 pm 6/6–9/5	6 pm 6/7–8/30	6 pm 6/8–8/31	6 pm 6/9–9/1	6 pm 6/10–9/2	6 pm 6/11–9/3
<b>Canyon Evening Program</b> <i>Starting June 5</i> Join a park ranger for an illustrated program and learn more about some aspect of Yellowstone’s natural or cultural history. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at the Canyon Visitor Education Center for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the <b>Canyon Campground Amphitheater</b> . ♿ <i>45 minutes</i>	9:30 pm 6/5–7/24  9 pm 7/31–9/4	9:30 pm 6/6–7/25  9 pm 8/1–9/5	9:30 pm 6/7–7/26  9 pm 8/2–8/30	9:30 pm 6/8–7/27  9 pm 8/3–8/31	9:30 pm 6/9–7/28  9 pm 8/4–9/1	9:30 pm 6/10–7/29  9 pm 8/5–9/2	9:30 pm 6/11–7/30  9 pm 8/6–9/3

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Aerial view of Lower Falls in the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River

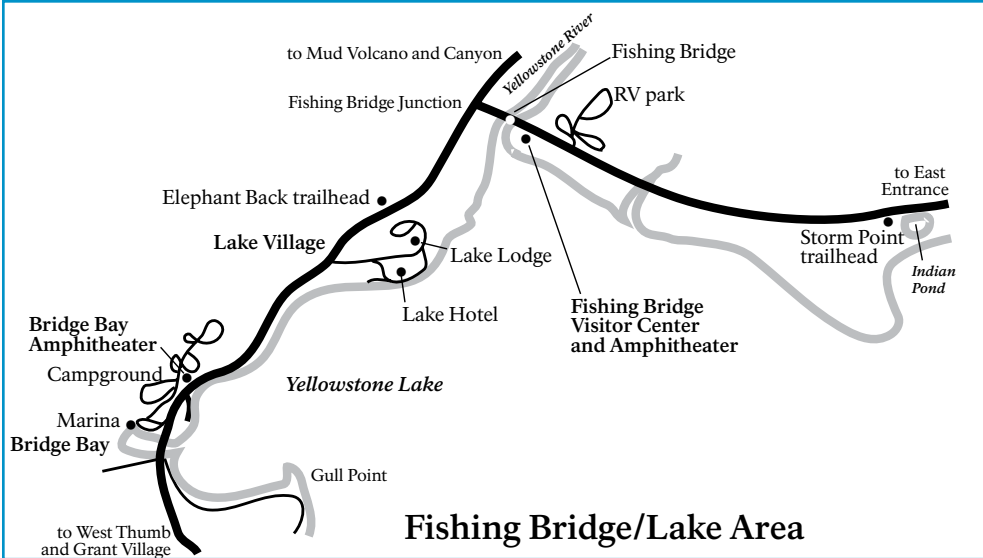
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# Fishing Bridge/Lake Village

Fishing Bridge Visitor Center  
May 28–Sept. 30: 8 am–7 pm

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Wildlife Watching in Hayden Valley</b> <i>Starting June 6</i> From a scenic point overlooking Hayden Valley and a tranquil stretch of the Yellowstone River, watch for wildlife in the early morning. Meet at the <b>large pullout in Hayden Valley</b> at the top of a hill, about 10 miles north of Fishing Bridge Junction and 6 miles south of Canyon Junction. <i>2 hours</i>		7 am 6/6–8/8		7 am 6/8–8/10		7 am 6/10–8/12	7 am 6/11–8/13
<b>Lake Scenic Cruise</b> <i>Starting June 15</i> Join a park ranger on a narrated boat tour on the ethereal water of Yellowstone Lake, with views of the wondrous Absaroka Range, historic Lake Hotel & Village, and surrounding lodgepole pine forest. <b>Reservations required in advance through Xanterra Parks and Resorts.</b> Call 307-344-7311 or stop by the Bridge Bay Marina (\$15 plus tax for adults, \$9 plus tax for kids ages 3–11, free for kids under 3). ♿ <i>1 hour</i>	9:15 am 10:45 am 1:15 pm 6/19–9/11	9:15 am 10:45 am 1:15 pm 6/20–9/5	9:15 am 10:45 am 1:15 pm 6/21–9/6	9:15 am 10:45 am 1:15 pm 6/15–9/7	9:15 am 10:45 am 1:15 pm 6/16–9/8	9:15 am 10:45 am 1:15 pm 6/17–9/9	9:15 am 10:45 am 1:15 pm 6/18–9/10
<b>Storm Point Saunter</b> <i>Starting June 5</i> Wander along the ever-changing lakeshore and through a diversity of landscapes including a lush meadow dotted with wildflowers and an ancient forest of spruce, pine, and fir. Experience Yellowstone in its true splendor. Meet at the <b>Storm Point Trailhead</b> , 3 miles east of Fishing Bridge. Easy 2.3 mile hike. <i>2 hours</i>	10 am 6/5–9/4	10 am 6/6–9/5	10 am 6/7–8/30	10 am 6/8–8/31	10 am 6/9–9/1	10 am 6/10–9/2	10 am 6/11–9/3
<b>Featured Creature</b> <i>Starting May 29</i> Enthralling and diverse wild animals, found in few other places in North America, nor in such profusion, are revealed in Yellowstone. Unveil the story of one of them. Meet at the <b>Fishing Bridge Visitor Center.</b> ♿ <i>30 minutes</i>	2 pm 5/29–8/7	2 pm 5/30–8/8	2 pm 5/31–8/9	2 pm 6/1–8/10	2 pm 6/2–8/11	2 pm 6/3–8/12	2 pm 6/4–8/13
<b>Mud Volcano Ramble</b> <i>Starting May 29</i> “The greatest marvel we have yet met with,” declared early explorers. View colorful, vociferous, and intriguing mudpots and hot springs, and find out what they reveal about Yellowstone’s explosive past and future. Moderately strenuous. Meet at <b>Mud Volcano parking area.</b> <i>2 hours</i>	4 pm 5/29–9/4	4 pm 5/30–9/5	4 pm 5/31–8/30	4 pm 6/1–8/31	4 pm 6/2–9/1	4 pm 6/3–9/2	4 pm 6/4–9/3
<b>River Reflections</b> <i>Starting May 29</i> From a picturesque spot along the Yellowstone River, explore Fishing Bridge area history and one of the most important cogs in the motor of the Yellowstone ecosystem: the rare, mysterious, wily, polka-dotted and beautiful cutthroat trout. Meet on the west side of the <b>Fishing Bridge.</b> <i>20 minutes</i>	5 pm 5/29–8/7	5 pm 5/30–8/8	5 pm 5/31–8/9	5 pm 6/1–8/10	5 pm 6/2–8/11	5 pm 6/3–8/12	5 pm 6/4–8/13
<b>Family Campfire</b> <i>Starting June 5</i> Campfire program especially for families with young children. Inquire at Fishing Bridge Visitor Center or look on local bulletin boards for the day’s subject. Meet at <b>Bridge Bay Campground Amphitheater.</b> ♿ <i>45 minutes</i>	6 pm 6/5–8/7	6 pm 6/6–8/8	6 pm 6/7–8/9	6 pm 6/8–8/10	6 pm 6/9–8/11	6 pm 6/10–8/12	6 pm 6/11–8/13
<b>Fishing Bridge Evening Program</b> <i>Starting June 5</i> Learn more about Yellowstone at this illustrated program and campfire. Inquire at Fishing Bridge Visitor Center or look on local bulletin boards for the night’s subject. Meet at <b>Fishing Bridge Visitor Center Amphitheater.</b> ♿ <i>45 minutes</i>	9:30 pm 6/5–7/24  9 pm 7/31–9/4	9:30 pm 6/6–7/25  9 pm 8/1–9/5	9:30 pm 6/7–7/26  9 pm 8/2–8/30	9:30 pm 6/8–7/27  9 pm 8/3–8/31	9:30 pm 6/9–7/28  9 pm 8/4–9/1	9:30 pm 6/10–7/29  9 pm 8/5–9/2	9:30 pm 6/11–7/30  9 pm 8/6–9/3
<b>Bridge Bay Evening Program</b> <i>Starting June 5</i> Learn more about Yellowstone at this illustrated program and campfire. Inquire at Fishing Bridge Visitor Center or look on local bulletin boards for the night’s subject. Meet at <b>Bridge Bay Campground Amphitheater.</b> ♿ <i>45 minutes</i>	9:30 pm 6/5–7/24  9 pm 7/31–9/4	9:30 pm 6/6–7/25  9 pm 8/1–9/5	9:30 pm 6/7–7/26  9 pm 8/2–8/30	9:30 pm 6/8–7/27  9 pm 8/3–8/31	9:30 pm 6/9–7/28  9 pm 8/4–9/1	9:30 pm 6/10–7/29  9 pm 8/5–9/2	9:30 pm 6/11–7/30  9 pm 8/6–9/3

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Hayden Valley

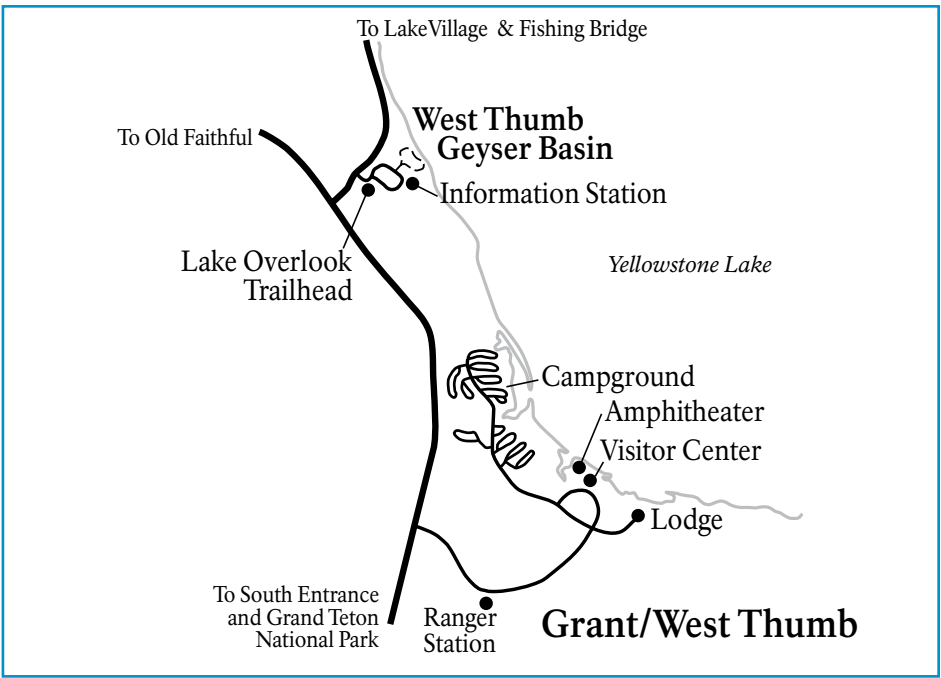
# Grant Village & West Thumb

*Grant Visitor Center*  
*May 28–Sept. 30: 8 am–7 pm*

*West Thumb Information Station*  
*May 28–Sept. 30: 9 am–5 pm*

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Scenic Lake Overlook</b> <i>Starting June 12</i> Ascend through meadows, forests and past thermal features to reach a picturesque view of Yellowstone Lake surrounded by the Absaroka Range. Meet at the <b>Lake Overlook Trailhead</b> in the West Thumb Geyser Basin parking lot. Bring water and snacks. Moderate 2-mile hike. <i>2 hours</i>	10 am 6/12–9/4	10 am 6/13–9/5	10 am 6/14–8/30	10 am 6/15–8/31	10 am 6/16–9/1	10 am 6/17–9/2	10 am 6/18–9/3
<b>Hot Water Wilderness</b> <i>Starting June 5</i> Take a stroll along the beautiful shores of Yellowstone Lake while exploring the origins of glittering geysers, belching mudpots, and emerald hot springs in West Thumb’s dynamic geyser basin. Meet at the <b>West Thumb Visitor Information Station</b> . Roundtrip distance is ¾ mile. Easy. ♿ with assistance <i>1½ hours</i>	10:30 am 4 pm 6/5–9/4	10:30 am 4 pm 6/6–9/5	10:30 am 4 pm 6/7–8/30	10:30 am 4 pm 6/8–8/31	10:30 am 4 pm 6/9–9/1	10:30 am 4 pm 6/10–9/2	10:30 am 4 pm 6/11–9/3
<b>Junior Ranger Discovery Program</b> <i>Starting June 12</i> Get ready to investigate and discover the many curiosities of Yellowstone during this interactive program specifically for Junior Rangers! Meet on the <b>Grant Visitor Center back porch</b> . ♿ <i>20 minutes</i>	11 am 6/12–9/4	11 am 6/13–9/5	11 am 6/14–8/30	11 am 6/15–8/31	11 am 6/16–9/1	11 am 6/17–9/2	11 am 6/18–9/3
<b>Wildlife Wonders</b> <i>Starting May 29</i> Interested in learning about the best viewing areas, habits, adaptations, mysteries, or even threats to one of Yellowstone’s fascinating animals? Relax in the shade as a ranger reveals the secrets of Yellowstone’s wildlife. Meet on the <b>Grant Visitor Center back porch</b> . ♿ <i>20 minutes</i>	2 pm 5/29–9/4	2 pm 5/30–9/5	2 pm 5/31–8/30	2 pm 6/1–8/31	2 pm 6/2–9/1	2 pm 6/3–9/2	2 pm 6/4–9/3
<b>Fire: Friend or Foe?</b> <i>Starting June 5</i> Without fire, Yellowstone would not be the park we see today. Join a ranger to examine the scene of a recent burn and decide for yourself if fire is friend or foe. Meet at the long pullout with the vault toilet <b>6.8 miles (10.9 km) north</b> of West Thumb Junction. <i>30 minutes</i>	3 pm 6/5–9/4	3 pm 6/6–9/5	3 pm 6/7–8/30	3 pm 6/8–8/31	3 pm 6/9–9/1	3 pm 6/10–9/2	3 pm 6/11–9/3
<b>Ranger Rendezvous</b> <i>Starting May 29</i> This early evening program is designed for the young and young at heart. Learn more about Yellowstone’s diverse geology, history, or wildlife riches. Meet at the <b>Grant Village Amphitheater</b> . ♿ <i>30 minutes</i>	7:30 pm 5/29–9/4	7:30 pm 5/30–9/5	7:30 pm 5/31–8/30	7:30 pm 6/1–8/31	7:30 pm 6/2–9/1	7:30 pm 6/3–9/2	7:30 pm 6/4–9/3
<b>Grant Village Evening Program</b> <i>Starting June 19</i> Join a park ranger for this illustrated presentation focusing on Yellowstone’s natural or cultural wonders. Check locally for program topics. Meet at the <b>Grant Village Amphitheater</b> . Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. ♿ <i>45 minutes</i>	9:30 pm 6/19–7/17	9:30 pm 6/20–7/18	9:30 pm 6/21–7/19	9:30 pm 6/22–7/20	9:30 pm 6/23–7/21	9:30 pm 6/24–7/22	9:30 pm 6/25–7/23
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*Fishing Cone Geyser, West Thumb Geyser Basin*

# Madison & West Yellowstone

*West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center*  
*Through May 26: 8 am–4 pm; May 27–Sept. 5: 8 am–8 pm*

*Madison Information Station*  
*May 28–Sept. 30: 9 am–6 pm*

*Junior Ranger Station*  
*May 28–Aug. 28: 9 am–6 pm*

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Explore Yellowstone!</b> <i>Starting May 22</i> Would you like ideas on how to spend your time in Yellowstone? Meet a park ranger at the <b>West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center</b> (corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street) for a talk about what to see and do in the park. ♿ 20–30 minutes	9:30 am 5/22–9/4	9:30 am 5/23–9/5	9:30 am 5/24–8/30	9:30 am 5/25–8/31	9:30 am 5/26–9/1	9:30 am 5/27–9/2	9:30 am 5/28–9/3
<b>Junior Ranger Station Activities</b> <i>Starting May 28</i> Hey kids! Join a park ranger to learn about Yellowstone’s wonderful wildlife, geysers, history, and much more! This is a great opportunity to complete the ranger-led activity required to earn your Junior Ranger patch. These family programs are geared towards kids of Junior Ranger age (5–12). Meet at the <b>Junior Ranger Station</b> at Madison Junction. 30 minutes	10 am 10:30 am 11 am 11:30 am 2 pm 2:30 pm 3 pm 3:30 pm 4 pm 4:30 pm 5/29–8/28	10 am 10:30 am 11 am 11:30 am 2 pm 2:30 pm 3 pm 3:30 pm 4 pm 4:30 pm 5/30–8/22	10 am 10:30 am 11 am 11:30 am 2 pm 2:30 pm 3 pm 3:30 pm 4 pm 4:30 pm 5/31–8/23	10 am 10:30 am 11 am 11:30 am 2 pm 2:30 pm 3 pm 3:30 pm 4 pm 4:30 pm 6/1–8/24	10 am 10:30 am 11 am 11:30 am 2 pm 2:30 pm 3 pm 3:30 pm 4 pm 4:30 pm 6/2–8/25	10 am 10:30 am 11 am 11:30 am 2 pm 2:30 pm 3 pm 3:30 pm 4 pm 4:30 pm 6/3–8/26	10 am 10:30 am 11 am 11:30 am 2 pm 2:30 pm 3 pm 3:30 pm 4 pm 4:30 pm 5/28–8/27
<b>Harlequin Lake Walk</b> <i>Starting June 13</i> Join a park ranger for a guided hike to Harlequin Lake. This moderately easy 1½ mile round trip hike will introduce you to a beautiful and secluded home for waterfowl and beaver. Meet at the third pullout, 1.5 miles west of Madison Junction on the west entrance road, opposite the <b>Harlequin Lake Trailhead</b> . Bring water, raingear, good hiking shoes, and a snack. 2 hours		10 am 6/13–8/22					
<b>Afternoon Talk in West</b> <i>Starting May 29</i> Each afternoon, a ranger will present a talk on a captivating aspect of Yellowstone’s natural or cultural history in West Yellowstone, Montana. The <b>Yellowstone Historic Center Museum</b> is located at the corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street. The <b>Grizzly &amp; Wolf Discovery Center</b> is located at 201 South Canyon Street. Talks are free and open to the public. There is a fee if you choose to visit the rest of the either site. ♿ 30 minutes	1 pm Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 5/29–8/21  2 pm Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center 5/29–9/4	1 pm Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 5/30–8/15  2 pm Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center 5/30–9/5	1 pm Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 5/31–8/16  2 pm Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center 5/31–8/30	1 pm Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 6/1–8/17  2 pm Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center 6/1–8/31	1 pm Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 6/2–8/18  2 pm Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center 6/2–9/1	1 pm Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 6/3–8/19  2 pm Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center 6/3–9/2	1 pm Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 6/4–8/20  2 pm Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center 6/4–9/3
<b>Evening Program in West Yellowstone</b> <i>Starting June 7</i> Join a park ranger for an illustrated program highlighting a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone’s wonders. Meet at the <b>West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center</b> (corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street). ♿ 45 minutes			7 pm 6/7–8/30		7 pm 6/9–9/1	7 pm 6/10–9/2	
<b>Madison Evening Program</b> <i>Starting May 29</i> Each night a park ranger will present an illustrated program highlighting a different aspect of Yellowstone’s wonders. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at the Madison Information Station for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the <b>Madison Amphitheater</b> . ♿ 45 minutes	9:30 pm 5/29–7/24  9 pm 7/31–9/4	9:30 pm 5/30–7/25  9 pm 8/1–9/5	9:30 pm 5/31–7/26  9 pm 8/2–8/30	9:30 pm 6/1–7/27  9 pm 8/3–8/31	9:30 pm 6/2–7/28  9 pm 8/4–9/1	9:30 pm 6/3–7/29  9 pm 8/5–9/2	9:30 pm 6/4–7/30  9 pm 8/6–9/3

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*The historic Madison Trailside Museum (left) now is a Junior Ranger Station where National Park Service rangers lead activities for children ages 5–12.*



# Mammoth Hot Springs

*Albright Visitor Center*  
*Through May 27: 9 am–5 pm; May 28–Sept. 30: 8 am–7 pm*

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Discovery Hike</b> <i>Starting June 17</i> Explore some of the diverse life of Yellowstone. Experience the wilder side of the park on this moderate 1½ to 2 mile ranger-led hike. Meet at the <b>Beaver Ponds Trailhead</b> in the restroom parking area at Mammoth Hot Springs. <i>1½ hours</i>						8 am 6/17–8/26	8 am 6/18–8/27
<b>Hot Springs Walk</b> <i>Starting June 5</i> Explore Yellowstone’s powerful geologic past and present while meandering around the Mammoth Hot Springs Terraces. Learn how these dynamic travertine formations are unique among the park’s thermal features. Route climbs stairs; may be strenuous for some. Meet at the <b>Liberty Cap</b> rock formation, at the base of the hot springs. <i>1½ hours</i>	9:30 am 6/5–9/4	9:30 am 6/6–9/5	9:30 am 6/7–8/30	9:30 am 6/8–8/31	9:30 am 6/9–9/1	9:30 am 6/10–9/2	9:30 am 6/11–9/3
<b>Wonders of Yellowstone—Talk</b> <i>Starting June 5</i> Yellowstone is full of wonders such as amazing geology, wildlife, history, and beauty. Join us as a ranger shares insights into one fascinating aspect of this magical place. Meet on the front lawn of the <b>Albright Visitor Center</b> , or in the theater if it’s raining. ♿ <i>20 minutes</i>	3 pm 4 pm 6/5–9/4	3 pm 6/6–9/5	3 pm 6/7–8/30	3 pm 4 pm 6/8–8/31	3 pm 4 pm 6/9–9/1	3 pm 4 pm 6/10–9/2	3 pm 4 pm 6/11–9/3
<b>Tales of the Travertine—Talk</b> <i>Starting May 29</i> The travertine terraces at Mammoth Hot Springs are one of Yellowstone’s most unusual, beautiful, and misunderstood hydrothermal features. Come learn how powerful earth forces constantly create and change these formations, and whether or not they really are drying up. Meet at the end of the <b>Palette Spring</b> boardwalk, just up from the Liberty Cap rock formation. ♿ <i>15 minutes</i>	1 pm 1:30 pm 2 pm 5/29–9/4	1 pm 1:30 pm 2 pm 5/30–9/5	1 pm 1:30 pm 2 pm 5/31–8/30	1 pm 1:30 pm 2 pm 6/1–8/31	1 pm 1:30 pm 2 pm 6/2–9/1	1 pm 1:30 pm 2 pm 6/3–9/2	1 pm 1:30 pm 2 pm 6/4–9/3
<b>Calling in the Cavalry—Walk</b> <i>Starting June 12</i> In its early days, Yellowstone National Park was protected by the U. S. Army. Join a ranger on this short, relaxed walk around Fort Yellowstone to learn about historic park events and to discover the role the military played in protecting Yellowstone. Meet in front of <b>Albright Visitor Center</b> . ♿ <i>1 hour</i>	6 pm 6/12–9/4	6 pm 6/13–9/5	6 pm 6/14–8/30	6 pm 6/15–8/31	6 pm 6/16–9/1	6 pm 6/17–9/2	6 pm 6/18–9/3
<b>Mammoth Evening Program</b> <i>Starting June 9</i> Enjoy an illustrated program about Yellowstone’s natural or cultural history. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at visitor centers for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the <b>Mammoth Camp-ground Amphitheater</b> . ♿ <i>45 minutes</i>	9:30 pm 6/12–7/24  9 pm 7/31–9/4	9:30 pm 6/13–7/25  9 pm 8/1–9/5	9:30 pm 6/14–7/26  9 pm 8/2–8/30	9:30 pm 6/15–7/27  9 pm 8/3–8/31	9:30 pm 6/9–7/28  9 pm 8/4–9/1	9:30 pm 6/10–7/29  9 pm 8/5–9/2	9:30 pm 6/11–7/30  9 pm 8/6–9/3

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# Norris

*Information Station and Museum*  
*May 28–Sept. 30: 9 am–6 pm*

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Windows Into Yellowstone—Walk</b> <i>Starting June 5</i> Experience the muddy caldrons, acidic geysers, and clear pools of Norris Geyser Basin! Join a park ranger for a walk through this magical land and learn about the park’s geologic past, present, and future. Meet at the <b>Norris Geyser Basin Museum</b> . Bring water, sunglasses, and sunscreen. <i>1½ hours</i>	9:30 am 6/5–9/4	9:30 am 6/6–9/5	9:30 am 6/7–8/30	9:30 am 6/8–8/31	9:30 am 6/9–9/1	9:30 am 6/10–9/2	9:30 am 6/11–9/3
<b>World’s Tallest—Talk</b> <i>Starting May 30</i> Discover how geysers work at the world’s tallest active geyser! Meet at Steamboat Geyser, about a 15-minute walk from the Norris Geyser Basin parking area. In rainy weather, the talk will be held at the <b>Norris Geyser Basin Museum</b> . Check with a ranger at the information desk. <i>20 minutes</i>	2 pm 3 pm 6/5–9/4	2 pm 3 pm 5/30–9/5	2 pm 3 pm 5/31–8/30	2 pm 3 pm 6/1–8/31	2 pm 3 pm 6/2–9/1	2 pm 3 pm 6/3–9/2	2 pm 3 pm 6/4–9/3
<b>Wild Yellowstone—Talk</b> <i>Starting May 30</i> A park ranger will share insights into a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone National Park’s wild nature. Meet at Steamboat Geyser, a 15 minute walk from the Norris Geyser Basin parking lot. In rainy weather, the talk will be held at the <b>Norris Geyser Basin Museum</b> . Check with a ranger at the information desk. <i>20 minutes</i>	2:30 pm 6/5–9/4	2:30 pm 5/30–9/5	2:30 pm 5/31–8/30	2:30 pm 6/1–8/31	2:30 pm 6/2–9/1	2:30 pm 6/3–9/2	2:30 pm 6/4–9/3
<b>Norris Campfire Program</b> <i>Starting June 5</i> Bring the whole family and join a park ranger for an old-fashioned, cozy campfire talk. Inquire locally on bulletin boards for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the <b>Norris Campground Campfire Circle</b> . ♿ <i>45 minutes</i>	7:30 pm 6/5–9/4	7:30 pm 6/6–9/5	7:30 pm 6/7–8/30	7:30 pm 6/8–8/31	7:30 pm 6/9–9/1	7:30 pm 6/10–9/2	7:30 pm 6/11–9/3

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# Old Faithful

Old Faithful Visitor Education Center  
Through May 27: 9 am–6 pm; May 28–Sept. 30: 8 am–8 pm

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Geyser Hill Walk</b> <i>Starting May 29</i> Geyser Hill is at the heart of the world’s greatest concentration of geysers. Experience this special corner of the park and learn about the relationship between Yellowstone’s volcanic history and hydrothermal features on this 1¼ mile walk. <b>Meet outside on the geyser side of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center.</b> 1½ hours	8:30 am 5/29–9/4	8:30 am 5/30–9/5	8:30 am 5/31–8/30	8:30 am 6/1–8/31	8:30 am 6/2–9/1	8:30 am 6/3–9/2	8:30 am 6/4–9/3
<b>Mystic Falls Walk</b> <i>Starting June 5</i> Explore a special part of the Yellowstone Ecosystem while enjoying this 2½ mile walk through Biscuit Basin to Mystic Falls. Meet at the Firehole River Bridge adjacent to the <b>Biscuit Basin parking area</b> , 2 miles north of Old Faithful. Moderately strenuous. 1½ hours	9 am 6/5–8/21	9 am 6/6–8/22	9 am 6/7–8/23	9 am 6/8–8/24	9 am 6/9–8/25	9 am 6/10–8/26	9 am 6/11–8/27
<b>Yellowstone for Kids!</b> <i>Starting June 5</i> Kids will discover some of the wonders of Yellowstone during this short, interactive presentation. <b>Meet outside on the geyser side of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center</b> for this outdoor program. ♿ 20 minutes	10 am 6/5–8/21	10 am 6/6–8/22	10 am 6/7–8/23	10 am 6/8–8/24	10 am 6/9–8/25	10 am 6/10–8/26	10 am 6/11–8/27
<b>Geysers Galore!</b> <i>Starting May 29</i> Take a quick peek at Yellowstone’s fascinating geysers and visible geologic story. Meet a park ranger at the <b>benches in front of Old Faithful</b> near the Old Faithful Education Visitor Center. ♿ 10 minutes	12:15 pm 12:45 pm 1:15 pm 1:45 pm 2:15 pm 2:45 pm 3:15 pm 3:45 pm 5/29–9/4	12:15 pm 12:45 pm 1:15 pm 1:45 pm 2:15 pm 2:45 pm 3:15 pm 3:45 pm 5/30–9/5	12:15 pm 12:45 pm 1:15 pm 1:45 pm 2:15 pm 2:45 pm 3:15 pm 3:45 pm 5/31–8/30	12:15 pm 12:45 pm 1:15 pm 1:45 pm 2:15 pm 2:45 pm 3:15 pm 3:45 pm 6/1–8/31	12:15 pm 12:45 pm 1:15 pm 1:45 pm 2:15 pm 2:45 pm 3:15 pm 3:45 pm 6/2–9/1	12:15 pm 12:45 pm 1:15 pm 1:45 pm 2:15 pm 2:45 pm 3:15 pm 3:45 pm 6/3–9/2	12:15 pm 12:45 pm 1:15 pm 1:45 pm 2:15 pm 2:45 pm 3:15 pm 3:45 pm 6/4–9/3
<b>Black Sand Walk</b> <i>Starting June 12</i> Discover a lesser-known gem! As you stroll through one of Yellowstone’s most striking hydrothermal areas, you’ll learn about volcanic geology and the unique history of Black Sand Basin on this half-mile walk. Meet at <b>Black Sand Basin parking area</b> , one mile north of Old Faithful. ♿ with assistance 1 hour	1 pm 6/12–8/21	1 pm 6/13–8/22	1 pm 6/14–8/23	1 pm 6/15–8/24	1 pm 6/16–8/25	1 pm 6/17–8/26	1 pm 6/18–8/27
<b>Stroll Around Old Faithful</b> <i>Starting June 5</i> Take an easy ¼-mile walk with a ranger around Old Faithful Geyser. View dramatic hot springs and geysers while gaining insight into Yellowstone’s dynamic geology. <b>Meet outside on the geyser side of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center.</b> ♿ 45 minutes	2:30 pm 6/5–9/4	2:30 pm 6/6–9/5	2:30 pm 6/7–8/30	2:30 pm 6/8–8/31	2:30 pm 6/9–9/1	2:30 pm 6/10–9/2	2:30 pm 6/11–9/3
<b>Geyser Discovery Stroll</b> <i>Starting May 29</i> Learn about one of the rarest geological features on Earth—geysers! Accompany a ranger through the Upper Geyser Basin exploring the world of geysers. Meet at <b>Castle Geyser</b> , ½ mile west of Old Faithful (15-minute walk from the visitor center). 1½ hours	5:30 pm 5/29–9/4	5:30 pm 5/30–9/5	5:30 pm 5/31–8/30	5:30 pm 6/1–8/31	5:30 pm 6/2–9/1	5:30 pm 6/3–9/2	5:30 pm 6/4–9/3
<b>Old Faithful Evening Program</b> <i>Starting May 29</i> Each evening a different aspect of Yellowstone’s wonders will be featured during this 45-minute illustrated program in the theater of the <b>Old Faithful Visitor Education Center</b> . Check at the visitor center for program titles and descriptions. ♿ 45 min.	7 pm 5/29–9/4	7 pm 5/30–9/5	7 pm 5/31–8/30	7 pm 6/1–8/31	7 pm 6/2–9/1	7 pm 6/3–9/2	7 pm 6/4–9/3

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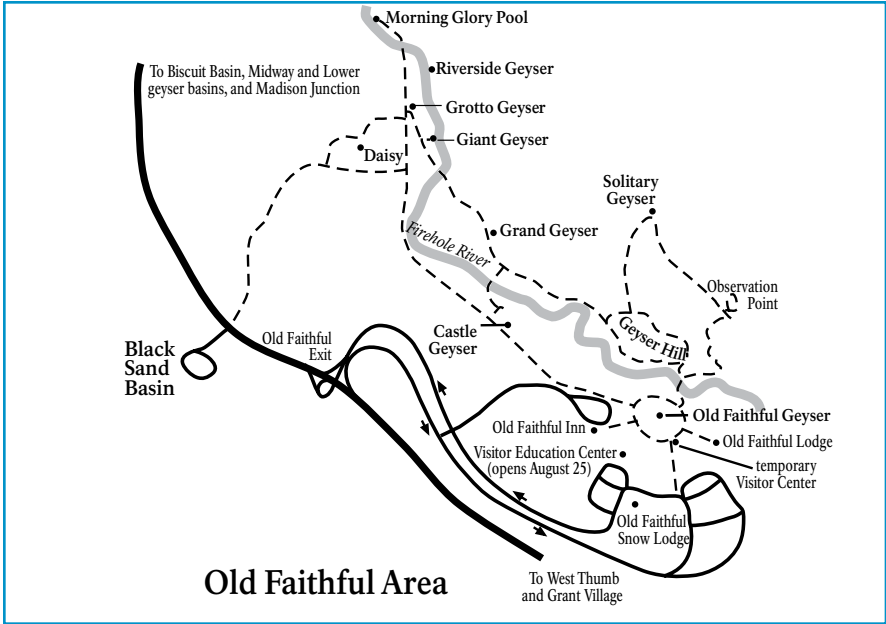
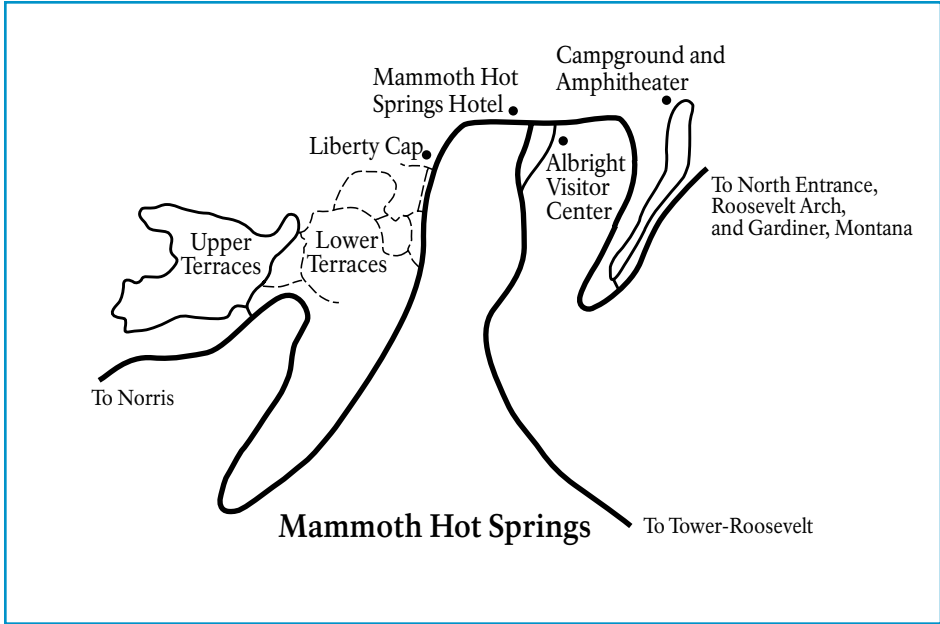
## Stars Over Yellowstone: Safe Solar Observing

Old Faithful Visitor Education Center area

Saturday, June 25 & July 30, 2–5 pm

Safely view the sun through telescopes.

See the front page for other astronomy programs.



# Especially for Children

in Yellowstone National Park



## 20th Summer Free! Junior Ranger Program

Since 1992, young visitors to Yellowstone National Park have participated in the Junior Ranger program. This year, to celebrate the program's 20th summer, the park is offering it *free!* If you are between the ages of 5 and 12, pick up the Junior Ranger newspaper at any park visitor center, then complete the program requirements. You will be awarded a wolf track patch if you are ages 5 to 7 or a bear track patch if you are ages 8 to 12.



## Young Scientist Program

If you are five years old or older, you can become a Young Scientist! Purchase a self-guiding booklet for \$5 at the Canyon Visitor Education Center (ages 10 and up) or Old Faithful Visitor Education Center (ages 5 and up). If you are investigating in the Old Faithful area, check out a Young Scientist Toolkit for the gear you need. When you have finished the investigation, you will be awarded a Young Scientist patch or key chain.

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## Expedition: Yellowstone!

Teachers: We invite you, your students, and parent chaperones to participate in *Expedition: Yellowstone!*—a curriculum-based multi-day program. Through field investigations, hikes, creative dramatics, journal writing, and group discussions, students learn about the natural and cultural resources of Yellowstone National Park.

For more information, write to *Expedition: Yellowstone!*, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190, or visit [www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/expeditionyell.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/expeditionyell.htm)

## SPECIAL FOR JUNIOR RANGERS & Your Family! Yellowstone Wildlife Olympics

Test your skills and compare your abilities with those of animals in Yellowstone.

Who will win the gold? A bison, ground squirrel, or you!

How far can you jump? How well can you see and smell?

Stop by any time between 12 and 3 pm on the dates and in the areas listed below.

Stay for as short a time or as long as your schedule allows.

Where	Tuesday, 12–3 pm	Friday, 12–3 pm
Mammoth Hot Springs Across from the Albright Visitor Center	June 7 June 21 July 12 August 9	June 10 July 1 July 22 August 12
Canyon Village Near the Canyon Visitor Education Center	June 14 July 5 July 26 August 2	June 24 July 15
Old Faithful Near the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center	June 28 July 19	June 17 July 8 July 29 August 5

